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Northwest Athletics is beginning to reap the benefits of the Carl and Cheryl Hughes Fieldhouse following the facility’s Oct. 12 grand opening. It can hold 769,600 square bales of hay.

Hughes sets new standard

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It was not long after the ribbon was cut on the Carl and Cheryl Hughes Fieldhouse that the impact of the new facility was felt across Bearcat Athletics.

The fieldhouse has the ability to help both the community and University in many ways, but for Northwest Athletics, the benefits of the facility are already being put to use.

Athletic Director Andy Peterson stressed that the building will help all student-athletes, not just those who participate in indoor sports.

“Every sport, every student-athlete-this (the fieldhouse) is going to have a positive experience for them, a positive



influence on them,” Peterson said. “Regardless of indoor or outdoor sport, they are either going to benefit from it directly or indirectly because of the ease put on Lamkin for indoor sports.”

With a new space for outdoor sports to utilize, Lamkin can be used less frequently and offer more room for sports that play in the arena, like basketball and volleyball. Baseball is one team that has been forced to use Lamkin early on in the year to prepare for its early-season schedule.

Coach Darin Loe said the ability to have space and prepare like many of the more southern schools they face early on will improve the team’s early-season performance.

“The biggest thing that we’ll see is just being able to simulate live action and just being able to see live pitching

and see the ball off that bat will help us throughout the winter moving into spring,” Loe said.

The first group to practice on the turf inside was not the football team or any other athletic team, but the band. To the Bearcat Marching Band, the fieldhouse is a saving grace from the harsh weather and difficult conditions that Maryville is used to come fall and winter.

With a week full of rain, the band was forced to use the empty space in Parking Lot 62 to practice early in the week, but was allowed to use the fieldhouse Oct. 10 in preparation for the game and the opening ceremony.

The band will have the ability to take advantage of the indoor practice field to prepare for competitions as well as games. The field will offer a simulation of the surfaces they will be on dur-

ing games and competitions.

While the band has used the field, the six-lane 300-meter track surrounding it will quickly begin to pay dividends to a couple of sports. Cross country and track and field athletes now have a place to train that is fitted for the indoor track season.

Track and field coach Brandon Masters wasted no time in getting his team on the track for practices and said the opportunity the full indoor track provides will show results.

“We can now train every single day without any excuses,” Masters said. “This is nearly an outdoor track with lane six, so we can do a lot of things that other schools can’t. For me, it is being able to have everyday count.”

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University undergoes accreditation evaluation

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Northwest is seeking reaffirmation of accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission.

The Higher Learning Commission accredits colleges and universities in a 19-state region that meet certain criteria. The accreditation proves validity in the quality of colleges and universities in terms of academics, administration, mission, finances and resources.

The Higher Learning Commission offers three different pathways to be accredited by. The University was last reaffirmed for accreditation in July 2012 through the Academic Quality Improvement Program Pathway, approving accreditation for the next 10 years.

However, the University decided to switch from the AQIP Pathway to the Open Pathway, entering into that pathway accreditation cycle at year four of the 10-year cycle;

causing the reevaluation of accreditation to be this year instead of 2022.

Provost Jamie Hooyman said making the switch from AQIP to Open Pathway was a good decision because the Higher Learning Committee announced two months ago the AQIP Pathway would no longer be an option. Hooyman said the Open Pathway option offers more continual improvement.

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Higher Learning Commission Peer Review Team Evaluator Gertrude Panirselvam questions students about their satisfaction in academic, administration and available resources at a student open forum meeting Oct. 15.



MORGAN JONES | NW MISSOURIAN

Junior Daph Bergren passes out stickers Thursday Oct. 11 on the second floor of the J.W. Jones Student Union for awareness of National Coming Out Day.

Northwest organizations celebrate LGBT History Month

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Helping Everyone Regardless of Orientation, the LGBT organization on campus, holds multiple events each October to celebrate LGBT History Month.

Events include celebrations for Bi Awareness Day, International Pronoun Day, Transgender Day of Remembrance and National Coming Out Day.

October has been celebrated as LGBT History Month since 1994 when Missouri high school teacher Rodney Wilson believed a month should be dedicated to celebrating and teaching LGBT history.

LGBT History Month, according to LGBTHistoryMonth.com, has since been endorsed by the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, the Human Rights Campaign, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and the National Education Association.

HERO Vice President Brandon Hallock said the month is important to the LGBT community because it’s a learning opportunity.

“I think it is very important for

people of the community to learn about the past of the community and movement,” Hallock said. “I also think it is very important to remember and share our own history in the community: how we were introduced, our own coming outs and how we have affected the community ourselves.”

October was selected as LGBT History Month to coincide with National Coming Out Day, which is celebrated Oct. 11.

According to the HRC website, National Coming Out Day has been held every year for 30 years on the anniversary of the second March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights Oct. 11, 1987.

The Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion hosted an information table Oct. 9-11 in the J.W. Jones Student Union to celebrate National Coming Out Day in collaboration with HERO.

HERO adviser Brittany Stegeman helped work the table all three days, which displayed a pride flag and offered an opportunity for students to write encouraging notes to those questioning or consider-

ing coming out.

“The goal is to bring awareness and remind all people that this process can be daunting for people within the LGBTQIA community,” Stegeman said. “Any note, even a, ‘You can do it,’ or a, ‘Don’t be afraid,’ message can make an impact when someone is in the process of coming out, or even a reminder to those who have that people are there to support.”

Coordinator of Equity Rachel Brooks—one of the primary organizers of the event—said information tables are a great way to engage with students, which is why DEI and HERO host several each year.

“We try to be present during high traffic times throughout the day, this we feel gives us the best opportunity to make contact with as many students as possible,” Brooks said. “The Student Union is consistently filled with students rushing from class to class, so why not take advantage of this location as a means for promotion but also in strengthening our ties as Bearcats.”

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University honors 20 years of Northwest Online

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Northwest is celebrating 20 years of Northwest Online in January 2019.

Northwest Online started in the spring semester of 1999, offering a limited selection of online courses. Northwest Online was created by the Learning and Teaching Center.

The original head of that department and Associate Professor of Computer Science Roger Von Holzen said his department had one main goal when it began.

“Our mandate was to provide faculty assistance and bringing the use of technology into the classroom,” Von Holzen said.

When Von Holzen started teaching in 1987, everything was on paper. This was a lot of work for not only professors but for students.

“The only way you found out your grade in the class is if you tracked it yourself or you went to the professor and asked them,” Von Holzen said.

Von Holzen’s department was tasked with finding ways technology could be used in the classroom. He said at the same time, however, the interest in online programs took off. Von Holzen and his department worked to create an online course

system, called Northwest Online.

Director of Learning and Teaching Center Darla Runyon said Northwest Online started as a supplement to community colleges.

“We were working with Colorado Community College, and we were doing a two plus two agreement with them,” Runyon said.

The two plus two agreement is where a student gets an associate’s degree from a two-year college and then gets a bachelor’s degree from a four-year. Runyon said Northwest Online was designed to help students get a bachelor’s who did not have the same availability as regular students.

“Most of these people have busy schedules, they’re trying to live their life,” Runyon said. “(Northwest Online gives students) the unique ability to do it on your time.”

When Northwest Online first started, it was limited in what was offered. Runyon said around 50 students were enrolled and only a small amount of programs were offered. Runyon said that was part of the process.

“You have to market that for people to know you have (an online program) available,” Runyon said.

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TRIO receives federally funded STEM grant

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One of Northwest’s oldest education assistance programs received a significant financial boost early this month.

Incorporated by Northwest in 1986, TRIO is a federally funded pre-college program that helps students grades nine through 12 finish high school and succeed in college training opportunities.

The program was awarded \$40,000 by the U.S. Department of Education as part of a supplemental STEM grant.

With additional funds at the programs disposal, TRIO can add a variety of new STEM activities and initiatives.

One of those is the Northland Center for Advanced Professional Studies, designed for students interested in engineering with hands-on experiences of advanced manufacturing.

“It’s a great experience; it’s something that they will not have the opportunity to do in their school,” TRIO Director Cassandra Tavorn said. “We’re allowing them to get an early start on what they need to be doing if they want to go to college.”

The grant will also allow TRIO to bring Project Lead the Way into the fold, one of the U.S.’s leading providers of innovative STEM courses.

Two of TRIO’s main programs include the Upward Bound program and the Upward Bound Math and Science program, the latter established in 1992.

As part of the Math and Science program, students take part in an engaging six-week summer learning experience each year at Northwest.

Last year’s experience featured a trip to South Dakota, allowing students to participate in a mechanical engineering camp.

During the academic year, students come to the campus for Saturday Academies, where they engage in a rigorous 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. day learning everything from col-



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Abi Davis and Ayden Wilroyat participate in a work study in correlation with Northwest’s Upward Bound Program at Nodaway Veterinary Clinic with Dr. Joe Powell.

lege research to test preparation and class studies.

“Northwest is such a wonderful campus, it’s so personable and so engaging so when they get here it’s like ‘oh my, I want to be a part of this,’ so they commit,” Tavorn said.

With more than 80 kids across seven different counties in the program, TRIO is aimed at assisting first-generation high school students with potential for academic success.

“For some of them, believe it or not, it’s a lifesaver,” Tavorn said. “It brings stability and it puts them on a path.”

Former TRIO student and Northwest freshman Payton Schomburg said joining the program was one of the best decisions of her life.

The program provided her opportunities to experience a variety of courses that her high school didn’t offer, many of which have helped her decide her career path.

Beyond the impact TRIO had academically, the experience did more for her confidence than she could have ever imagined.

“This was one of the main reasons why I was able to come out of my shell more in high school,” Schomburg said. “I was able to express myself through the courses we were taking, and I was also able to make connections I did not realize I needed or wanted.”

She said that while there were stressful moments, she wouldn’t trade it for the world.

“Those are the times that have helped shaped me into the person I am today,” Schomburg said. “They showed me that other people believe in me too and I am eternally grateful for it.”

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Student Senate supports St. Jude fundraiser

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Student Senate voted on appropriations, Facebook Live and confirming the appointment of a sergeant at arms.

The executive board requested \$900 from Senate to fund the Cut Loose event Nov. 9, where Northwest and Maryville community members can donate their hair and money to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The money will be used to purchase T-shirts and roses for hair donors, as well as cover the cost of shipping hair donations.

The appropriation passed in a unanimous vote. Senior Liz Conard represented the group at the meeting and was surprised by the outcome.

"I am thrilled," Conard said. "I was hoping, but I didn't expect to get the full amount. I'm just really excited that we can provide these shirts and roses to people who are doing such a selfless act, and I'm very grateful."

Conard said 11 people have already committed to donating their hair, but she hopes even more sign up because the event is the first of its kind at Northwest and it's all for charity.

"I think that it's going to be really motivational for the entire Northwest and Maryville community," Conard said. "It will raise awareness for cancer in general, provide those wigs for those who do go through chemotherapy and also raise money for children with cancer, and honestly, what better cause to support."

Senate has livestreamed all of its meetings so far this semester with Facebook Live, but has stopped the streams when the floor is open for discussion on appropriations and elections.

When discussing appropriations or elections, representatives of the organization requesting the appropriation or the candidates for the open position are asked to leave the room and the doors are closed.

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Proposed online use tax

Nov. 6 ballot will include tax increase for online purchases

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The city of Maryville has a use tax on the Nov. 6 ballot for out-of-state internet sales that has already been implemented by Nodaway County and Missouri.

The use tax would apply a 2.375 percent tax on any item purchased online through an out-of-state vendor. City Manager Greg McDanel said purchases currently made online from out of state vendors are not taxed by the city.

"When you purchase something (in Maryville) from an out-of-state vendor online, there is no sales tax going back to the local initiatives," McDanel said.

The local initiatives McDanel is referring to are any of the voter-approved initiatives that are being funded by the sales tax. These include items such as road maintenance, public safety and Mozingo. These funds are from any time someone buys something in the city of Maryville.

"If you went into Walmart (or) Blue Willow and you purchased an item, you would have paid the Missouri sales tax, you would have paid the county sales tax and you would have paid the city sales tax," McDanel said.

With online out-of-state purchases, everyone except Maryville is getting paid.

"If you purchase that same item from an out-of-state vendor, you didn't pay anything to the city of Maryville, you paid the state and the county because they both have a use tax already," McDanel said.

McDanel said the Department of Revenue estimated an annual income of \$245,000 per year if Maryville adds the use tax, six times more than what JCPenney was bringing in.

"Two hundred and forty-five thousand dollars is significant to those local initiatives," McDanel said. "For instance, \$245,000 is the equivalent to six local JCPenney's."

McDanel has 35-45 meetings or presentations scheduled to help inform residents of the use tax.

"We are simply on a mission to educate voters on the use tax and educate those on what the use tax means," McDanel said.

McDanel said part of the prob-



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Online purchases from out-of-state vendors may soon see a new tax within Maryville, as the Nov. 6 city election has added this to the ballot.

lem is the stigma around the word tax. McDanel said it can be misleading in what the use tax is trying to do.

"The word tax is a problem, because (the use tax) is simply a vehicle that applies the local sales tax that has already been approved by voters," McDanel said.

McDanel hopes that by educating voters, they will see the value in the use tax.

"(The use tax) applies the approved sales tax to online out-of-state vendors," McDanel said.

"That ensures that every purchase that's being made from this community is equal, paying the same sales tax rate as everyone else."

McDanel is trying to reach Maryville residents like sophomore Madison Hail.

"If they've tried (to inform) it hasn't reached me or anyone I know because none of the people have been talking about it," Hail said.

After being made aware of what the sales tax is, Hail said she supports it but wants to know more.

"I'd probably want to do a little more research on it first, (but) I don't see any problems with it now," Hail said.

A big reason why Hail supports it is because of the additional funding Maryville Public Safety would get.

"It would be hard to get that funding from somewhere else and then the better (public safety) is funded the safer we can be," Hail said.

Should the use tax measure pass, it will go into effect in April, 2019.

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In order to retain information, people must read for long undisturbed chunks of time, according to Medical Daily. Readers are more grounded in the material when they read it in print.

Aside from digital eye strain, reading electronically can lead to headaches or neck pain in extreme cases. According to ABC News, nearly 70 percent of adults reported having these symptoms.

While an e-reader would save space in our stuffed backpacks, learning to keep a physical book intact shows responsibility and cleanliness. Physical books are easier to damage, but taking proper care of books is a good way to practice organizational skills.

Although e-books tend to be cheaper and make it possible to read in the dark, we need to spend time reading physical books because we already spend enough time staring at screens. Whether it be emails, Canvas notifications, BuzzFeed articles or the latest Twitter fights, college students read plenty on various devices.

E-books don't need to add to that.

Reading in the dark may seem like a great perk of e-books, but studies have shown that reading with an e-reader before bed is detrimental to one's sleep pattern.

A study done at Harvard University found that people who read with a screen before sleeping couldn't fall asleep as fast, didn't sleep as deeply, and were more fatigued in the morning than those who read a physical book.

College students cherish the little sleep they get between classes, homework and other activities. In order to make it even better, pick up a book to read and escape from all the electronic distractions.

Books offer an escape from our fast-paced, distraction-filled world. Holding up a book is a universal signal for being off limits during reading time. Nobody will bother a book reader unless it's absolutely urgent.

On the other hand, reading an e-book doesn't always look like reading because it's on an electronic device. The internet world can't tell when someone is reading an e-book, so distractions pop up everywhere.

Even if it's not on the same device one is reading from, it's from the smartphone that is always nearby, if not in a pocket.



LEAH BRUCE | NW MISSOURIAN

OUR VIEW:

Taxes needed for growth
Proposed tax could add to local economy, community

Even though we all hate taxes, they serve an important purpose. With the proposed use tax on out of state, online goods, more Bearcats may begin to shop more locally.

While ordering a comfy blanket on Amazon may seem tempting, stepping into a Maryville based shop may have more benefits. With the use tax, it will force people to think twice before clicking the purchase button.

There are many reasons to shop in Maryville, such as supporting mom and pop shops rather than major corporations.

Supporting local shops inevitably help students as these funds stay in Maryville and go back into public funding through other taxes.

These stores can only continue doing business through us as the majority of their consumers are

college students during the fall and spring season.

As much as we may complain about the lack of stores, Maryville actually has quite a tidy bundle of unique, local businesses. There's Blue Willow Boutique, Minnie Lane, Kool Kats and Carson's Sports Grill among several others.

By supporting local and family-owned businesses, we show solidarity with the Maryville community.

The reason students prefer shopping online is due to Amazon typically having better quality than the local Walmart. Other times, stores may not have what some students need.

Despite this small hitch, we should still make an effort to go local rather than feed into large corporations that care more about our money than our satisfaction.

In the end, the extra tax could

add up to about the price we pay for shipping and handling. Even if someone has Amazon Prime, they still have to pay for the premium account.

Many of us fall between the generations of millennials and Generation Z, both of which have a strong sense of frugality according to Forbes.

However, Forbes has also said our generation is the most altruistic, meaning we care about doing good and helping those who need it most through charity.

We have to pay the Missouri sales tax and the county sales tax anyway so another few dollars and cents going to Maryville shouldn't be a big deal.

Another 2.375 percent will add up for the community faster than it will for the individual. With an estimated annual income of more than

\$240,000, the sum will positively affect the commerce in this small town before it breaks the college students bank.

The outcome of adding the use tax will only create a better economy and community. Many of these taxes specifically go back towards public education and public safety.

Other steps can be taken in order to encourage students to shop in Maryville too, such as Shop Local Saturday, an unofficial holiday the day after Black Friday, or encouraging local shops to give student discounts so more of us feel a little less of a dent in our wallets.

While this tax could be initially seen as a bother, its goal is good in principle. By encouraging Bearcats to go local, we foster a better sense of community.

Going home improves health, stress



After the craziness of Homecoming Weekend and multiple mid-term tests, there comes a brief reprieve for many students before the holidays come rolling around.

During this period, students should find time to go home before Thanksgiving break.

From Oct. 18, it will be a little less than two months since some people have gone home to see family. This is even longer the more students decide to postpone their trip home.

While it may not seem necessary, there are a multitude of reasons to see parents.

According to New York University Langone Health, "With respect to academics, students today

are feeling increasing pressure to know what they want to do, pick a career path and plan for their futures. This pressure is causing unfortunate substance abuse, anxiety and even depression."

These are natural tendencies all college students feel, especially for the first years. Even then, it still affects undergraduates who are not freshmen. Sometimes the stress affects them more than the newer students on campus.

This happens because as students progress throughout college, many of them become busy with activities and class work. Due to the decreased free time, many older students don't go home.

Going home can be the change of scenery people need to get out of their head and current living space. This is especially true for those who are feeling the pressure from classes, projects, tests and possibly even roommate problems.

Along with the changing of the

seasons, there comes the obvious change in weather. This is always more prominent in Maryville with the colder, harsher wind and bipolar clouds. One day the clouds are full of rain, the next day they're gone and the sun is bright and shining.

This means a new change in wardrobe. So by going home, people can bring their summer clothes with them and before heading back to Maryville, they can bring their fall and winter clothes for the brisk temperatures.

According to NYU Langone Health, many parents typically feel they matter less as their children go off to college and they have to release control over their children.

Parents will always be glad to see their children, and by going home, it lets them know the student is still thinking about them.

Another added benefit is getting to eat home-cooked meals from home. With how busy college students can get, they may not always

be able to provide a home-cooked meal for themselves every night. This has actually proven to affect their health in a negative way.

According to research conducted by Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, people who often cook at home rather than eat out tend to eat healthier and actually consume less calories when they do decide to eat out.

They also get a tasty meal out of it and something different from campus dining or fast food.

While college students should find time to go home, it doesn't mean students should go home every weekend. They should manage their time for when they can go home so whenever they head that way, they can really enjoy it.

Going home sometime before Thanksgiving though does give family members a sense of belonging and could help relieve some built-up stress from the past weeks.

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The track team has scheduled three meets to host in the new indoor facility that will have it broken in nicely before hosting the MIAA conference meet this season as well.

While it is clear that any sport that wants to use the facility will have access to it, the impact of the fieldhouse goes beyond just this year. The ability to use the fieldhouse as a recruiting tool is another benefit that will pay off for years to come.

For sports like track, the recruiting benefits are clear, as it puts Northwest at or above the level of programs such as Pittsburg State, who has hosted the NCAA Division II Indoor Championship meet twice in the last three years.

Cross country and assistant track and field coach Nick Gibson envisions using the Hughes Fieldhouse for the same caliber events.

“Kids nowadays, they want to be good or they want to be at successful schools,” Gibson said. “Having (the Hughes Fieldhouse) is a big part in leading the way into being a very successful program.”

The recruiting advantage along with the year-round facility for all sports offers more than enough reasons for the fieldhouse to come to fruition. Peterson assured that the opening was just the beginning of the process with Hughes Fieldhouse and that it will be a working relationship with the coaches for input.

“Our coaches are unbelievable. They will tell us what to do, what doesn’t work, what we should think more about, what we need to change, what we could add or subtract to make it better,” Peterson said. “But mainly we just got to get in here and start using it.”



Students wrote encouraging notes to people questioning or recently coming out and placed them on the pride flag on National Coming Out Day Oct. 11 in the J.W. Jones Student Union. October was chosen as LGBT History Month to coincide with National Coming Out Day.

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This year’s Coming Out Day table was inspired by last year’s table, but the organizers wanted to improve the original idea.

“Shyla Kallhoff brought up the idea for putting the notes directly on the flag,” Brooks said. “I thought that was brilliant, so we ran with it. Adam Gonzales, who is a coordinator for diversity and inclusion, helped in bringing this all together and took the lead on sharing the events on social media and for the door display.”

Table hosts handed out rainbow heart stickers Oct. 11. Wearing a sticker symbolized solidarity with members of the LGBT community, both in and out of the closet.

“Sometimes it’s hard to see the support around you, and I think even just to see all the people wearing the stickers is a really great reminder in our community that there are people that support them,” Stegeman said.

Junior Daph Bergren said showing support in a tangible way is important to LGBT people who are still in the closet and don’t know who will support them.

“I think it [the table] is real-

ly important because it’s going to show a lot of people that there are more people around them that support them than they think because people need to be so explicit with their acceptance of communities that are overlooked,” Bergren said.

Stegeman said a surprise to her while working the table was the overall excitement of students she interacted with.

“That was a big surprise to me, their willingness to write a note,” Stegeman said. “One thing we did ask when they were a little stumped as to what to write, we would prompt them and ask, ‘What if your best friend came out to

you... what would you want to say to them?’ and that really prompted some great responses.”

Brooks said this year’s turnout was better than last year’s. She said although National Coming Out Day has been celebrated for so long, it’s still an important occasion.

“I know that some may question as to why in 2018 do we still need to promote National Coming Out Day,” Brooks said. “To them I often say, it is just another day set aside to recognize that not everyone feels safe, or maybe struggling with their identity, and it serves as a way to show those individuals that there are people who care.”

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“I feel very blessed working with Northwest because we do things excellently,” Hooyman said. “We do things for the right reasons. When we’re looking at how we evaluate, how we assess, we’re doing it with the students best interest at heart. If you do things for the right reasons and for the good of the students, you’re going to do OK on accreditation.”

In year four of the Open Pathway, the University goes through an assurance review guaranteeing criteria of the Higher Learning Committee is being met. Years five through nine of the cycle, the University goes through the quality initiative improvement project, which must be approved by the Higher Learning Commission. Northwest is in year 10 of the cycle, requiring the University to go through an in-

depth comprehensive evaluation.

A team of five from the Higher Learning Committee serve as comprehensive evaluators, who visit campus every ten years gathering student, faculty and staff input and investigating the overall performance of the University. The evaluators were on campus Oct. 14-16.

“When they’re here on the campus, they’re really here to verify,” Hooyman said. “They have all sorts of groups that they’re meeting with. The whole time they’re here, they’re meeting with different groups or they’re doing a facilities tour. What they’re doing is they’ve already read all about us, now they’re just seeing do we do what we say we do?”

The comprehensive evaluators met with students Oct. 15. Senior Collin Gavin said he attended the open forum because it was time well spent for the University.

“I feel it went very well and Northwest was represented ade-

quately, to the fullest extent,” Gavin said. “I thought the questions covered a very wide array of questions that a lot of students would consider hot topics. It was great to have student input on such an important decision.”

Hooyman said seeking the reaffirmation of accreditation can sometimes be a painful process because it adds an additional workload but is worth it in the end because the process helps to better the University to the benefit of students.

“By no means is this a single person job, it’s taken the entire University to make this right from working with our facilities and our faculty, everybody has contributed in different ways,” Hooyman said.

Department Chair of Computer Science and Information Systems Carol Spradling said the role of directors and department chairs in this process is to review and reflect on the department, and help faculty and staff members to stay informed throughout.

Spradling said this involves a lot of providing evidence of the things the departments say they are doing.

“I sat in four meetings with the Higher Learning staff that was here, I didn’t feel uncomfortable about anything that we talked about because we are living what we do,” Spradling said. “Anything that we’ve put in those reports as to what we’re doing, we’re actually doing those things.”

Spradling said she is not worried about the accreditation process. She said the 11 different schools and departments across campus were well represented during the Higher Learning Commission visit and illustrated accurately what the departments were doing.

“I felt like there was great unity and there was great honesty when we reported what we were doing and there were no hidden secrets,” Spradling said. “I’m very proud about what we do at our Institution

and I was really proud when we were in those rooms talking to the people from the Higher Learning Commission because I really feel like we do a good job here.”

The results of the Higher Learning Commission reaffirmation of accreditation will be made public as early as the end of December. Hooyman said she expects the evaluation to find Northwest is doing things well.

“It’s hard to be an institution that doesn’t do things well when you lead the state in retention, when you’re top in the state for graduation rates, when you’re top in the state for placement rates,” Hooyman said. “We truly believe in not just getting the student here, but helping that student be successful through their time so that when they get out they are ready to go to their job. We literally lead in all those parameters so it’s kind of hard to say we’re going to have trouble when we do so well.”

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Maryville Public Safety

Sept. 18
There is an ongoing investigation for domestic assault at the 2700 block of Galaxie Drive.

Oct. 4
There is an ongoing investigation for larceny at the 1700 block of South Main Street.

Oct. 6
There is an ongoing investigation for burglary at the 300 block of North Market Street.

A summons was issued to **Kodee Purdy**, 18, for wanted on warrant and failure to appear

at the 400 block of North Market Street.

Oct. 10
There is an ongoing investigation for harassment at the 1200 block of West 16th Street.

Oct. 11
A summons was issued to **Oluwa Akinmoladun**, 20, for careless and imprudent driving and speeding at the 600 block of West 16th Street.

A summons was issued to **Delmond Williams**, 34, for driving while suspended at the 700 block of West 16th Street.

There is an ongoing investiga-

tion for property damage at the 100 block of East Sixth Street.

There is an ongoing investigation for property damage at the 2600 block of South Main Street.

A summons was issued to Kase Critten, 20, from Gallatin, Missouri, for minor in possession at the 300 block of North Market Street.

Oct. 12
A summons was issued to **Halley Constable**, 19, from Avoca, Iowa, for minor in possession at the 100 block of West Sixth Street.

Northwest Missouri State University Police Department

Oct. 10
There was a closed investigation for dating violence at Hudson Perrin Hall.

Oct. 11
There was a closed investigation for six liquor law violations at Tower Suites.

Oct. 12
There was a closed investigation for a liquor law violation at Franken Hall.

There was a closed investigation for a liquor law violation at Franken Hall.

Oct. 13
There was a closed investigation for a liquor law violations at Perrin Hall.

There was a closed investigation for a liquor law violation at the J.W. Jones Student Union.

Oct. 14
There was a closed investigation for a liquor law violation at Millikan Hall.

There was a closed investiga-

tion for a liquor law violation at Dietrich Hall.

There was a closed investigation for a liquor law violation at Sixth Street.

There was a closed investigation for a liquor law violation at Franken Hall.

Oct. 15
There was a closed investigation for a liquor law violation at South Complex.

There was a closed investigation for a liquor law violation at Dietrich Hall.

Kathrine Gerhardt

Bearcat advocates for children

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Many people say they want to change the world and make a difference, but for senior Kathrine Gerhardt who is double majoring in Spanish and pre-medical, this isn't just a grandiose statement.

As founder and president of the Northwest chapter of United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Gerhardt takes her leadership role seriously.

"When I was a freshman I reached out to my academic advisor, Julie Johnson, about starting the club," Gerhardt said. "This is something I had been interested in starting back in high school but didn't. Once here on campus, I knew working with UNICEF was something I was interested in, so I worked with Julie and Dee Dino to begin preparations for the club."

Once they had everything they needed, Gerhardt and her friends went to Student Senate.

"Julie became our advisor, and then I worked to gain interest among students before going to Student Senate," Gerhardt said. "Once we had a group of interested students, another officer and I presented in front of student senate and got their approval to become a club."

UNICEF is an initiative to help children in more than 190 countries around the world, advocating for girls equality, childhood survival and emergency relief. The chapter at Northwest supports these initiatives through education, fundraising and advocacy.

"As an organization it's grown from being just the handful of people who supported me in starting the club to including many other students on campus," Gerhardt said. "We have been able to host events to educate ourselves and the community, along with hosted fundraising events and letter-writing campaigns to congress members."

Gerhardt helped organize the club's Water Walk during the 2017-18 school year to bring awareness to the water crisis around the world and how it disproportionately affected children since they aren't as fully developed. She has plans to do another Water Walk in March.

Biology psychology senior, Alyssa Lincoln was a member of Student Senate when Gerhardt first approached with the idea of bringing UNICEF to Northwest.

"I think during her time here she has affected so much change and challenged so much thought," Lincoln said. "UNICEF isn't a very controversial organization so it was kind of a no brainer for us (Student Senate)."

Lincoln has been in multiple classes with Gerhardt.

"She's everything we look for in a Bearcat," Lincoln said. "She's subtle but quite possibly the most profound Bearcat we have. She's

academically driven beyond belief. She holds herself to such a high standard... she's a gritty learner."

Gerhardt also attended a UNICEF conference in Washington D.C.

"It was a life changing experience that I will never forget," Gerhardt said. "It has driven me to make the club more successful in helping children across the globe. The conference also helped me grow as president of the club and as a person. As president my role is to help the club grow and to work with our officers to lead the events that we host."

Gerhardt's passion for helping others is partially what motivated her to want to become a doctor, particularly with Doctors Without Borders.

"Originally I wanted to be a veterinarian," Gerhardt said. "But I realized it wasn't a perfect fit. Then in high school I took bio-medical classes and there was no going back."

When teachers ask young children, usually around kindergarten, what they want to be when they grow up, many say they want to be a doctor. However, only roughly 3 percent of the U.S. population has medical licenses according to statista.com

So when Gerhardt tells people she is a pre-medical major the usual reaction she gets is: "Good luck."

"Med school is competitive," Gerhardt said.

It's so competitive that Gerhardt sent applications to both medical schools and graduate schools around the country.

"I've applied to places in New York, Tennessee, all over the place," Gerhardt said.

Gerhardt spent most of her life in the St. Louis area, though she did spend some time of her childhood in Singapore.

"I was little when we lived there and I don't remember the cultural differences," Gerhardt said. "I just remember little kid memories like going swimming."

As Gerhardt looks towards her future in the medical field, she continues to have high hopes for the initiative she helped bring to campus.

"I hope that the club is able to continue addressing global issues that are affecting kids, whether it be through holding conversations during our club meetings or reaching out to the community," Gerhardt said.

"At the conference in D.C., an overarching theme was that 'a child knows no politics'. We have to be advocates for children across the globe who may suffer from issues that are out of their hands. The member size of the organization is not what matters. It's the effects of educating ourselves and the community that will make a difference at the end of the day. My hope for the organization is that it continues to have an impact, no matter the size."



SUBMITTED

Kathrine Gerhardt traveled to Washington D.C. in March to participate in the UNICEF Summit, a conference where delegates gathered to empower children to improve their lives and their communities.



SUBMITTED

Kathrine Gerhardt (back center) was one of two Northwest students to travel to Costa Rica over the summer to study abroad. Gerhardt worked with early elementary aged students, teaching them about teamwork among other things.

Flag raising boasts diversity

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Northwest’s 21st annual flag-raising ceremony added an international flair to the Homecoming activities on Walkout Day. The ceremony originally started in 1998 as a way to represent the home country of Northwest’s international student population.

International students have a chance to raise the flag of their country of origin in front of the entire campus community and show how diverse Northwest is. Normally the event takes place in the Joyce and Harvey White International Plaza located next to Colden Pond, however, due to rainy weather conditions, it was moved to the Charles Johnson Theater in the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts building.

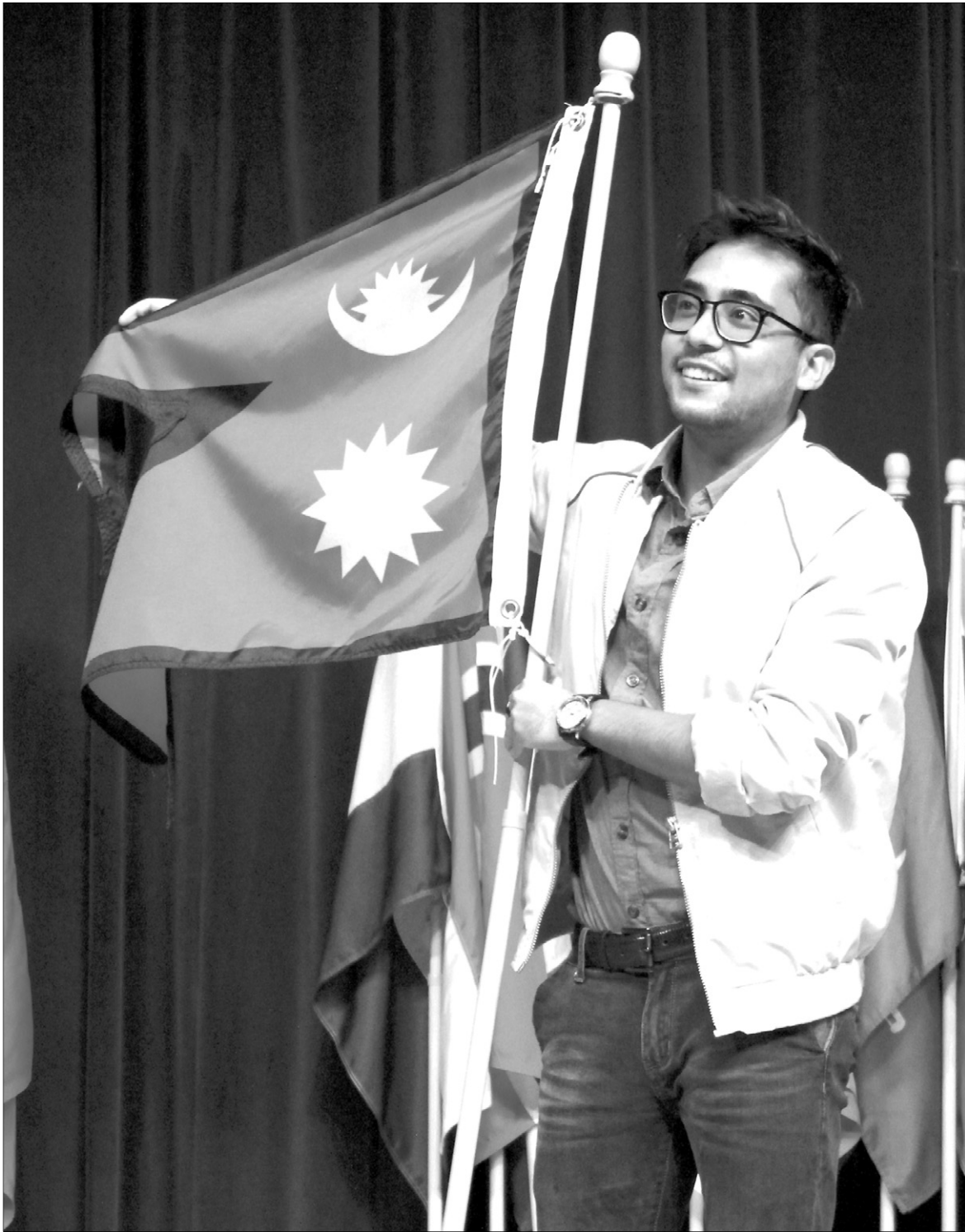
Students carried 54 flags representing countries of enrolled non-immigrant students and recently graduated non-immigrant students. Fifteen of these flags are permanently sponsored while the others rotate with the diverse international community.

Valentene Osakwe, a junior computer science major from Nigeria, is amazed by the flag-raising every time he attends.

“It is surreal to see all of the international students come together and raise the flags of their home countries,” Osakwe said. “It is still an amazing experience for me every single time and leaves me with a sense of pride when the flags go up the flagpoles.”

This event featured the flags of nations and represents the international student population as well as the countries of where Northwest students have studied abroad. This event serves as a bridge to bring together the Northwest community and initiate conversations about different cultures and experiences.

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Rijan Basnet of Nepal smiles with the flag of his home country during the 21st Annual International Flag-Raising Ceremony after being relocated indoors due to weather conditions Oct. 12.

Variety Show flaunts talents, school pride

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Students, faculty and community members celebrated Homecoming Weekend by attending the annual Homecoming Variety Show for a fee of \$5.

The show took place Oct. 11-12 in the Ron Houston Center for Performing Arts. It was full of skits and olio acts which included singing and dancing. The skits were performed by various Greek Life organizations and similar societies. Each one centered around the theme of having the greatest circus show.

The \$5 ticket was a new aspect of the Variety Show this year. The fee didn’t affect attendance much, but the Homecoming Executive Board is in the midst of analyzing the effect and brainstorming ways to raise money for Homecoming if it decides not to sell tickets again.

Homecoming Royalty and Variety Show Chair Emily Elliott was happy about the crowd that attended each show. The audience was full of enthusiasm which helped the show run smoothly.

“We didn’t sell out like I wanted to,” Elliott said. “I think it was just because we sold tickets this year instead of just having a free show. I think the turnout was really good. It was still completely full; it just wasn’t 100 percent full like in the past.”

The show emcees were Keegan Cooper and Josh Paulus. They kept the audience engaged with competitive humor and asked for people to send tweets @NWHomecoming with #GreatestShowAtNW.

Cooper and Paulus read tweets to the audience between acts. They even put up a poll to ask the audience who had the better plaid shirt: Cooper with blue or Paulus with pink. Cooper had 58 percent of the votes Thursday night.

The emcees had a dance-off Friday night.

Sophomore and audience member Haleigh Ronspies enjoyed having Cooper and Paulus on stage.

“The emcees are hilarious,” Ronspies said. “They’re really good this year.”

The Bearcat Steppers opened up the show with a dance routine. Another musical act was a duet between juniors Jaymie Argotsinger and Noah McBride singing Argotsinger’s original song, “Speak Up.”

The Nepalese Student Association later performed a cultural dance. To end the first half of the show, Lilly Flanery presented the song “For Forever” from the musical “Dear Evan Hansen” using only sign language.

Flanery requested that the audience applaud in sign language, which meant jazz hands. The crowd cheered loudly with hands held high for Flanery as she walked off the stage.

After a 10-minute intermission, Adam Bochart kicked off the second half with his magic show.

Between skits, Flash Flood performed “Little Lion Man.”

Sigma Society was a new participating group in the Variety Show. It performed its skit, “Sigma Society’s Greatest Show.” The show brought senior April James out to the Variety Show for the first time.

“My roommate is in Sigma Society so I came to support her,” James said. “It was fun to see her out on stage.”

To end the show, Alicsa Wilson sang “Never Enough” from “The Greatest Showman.”

After the Variety Show, the Homecoming Executive Board announced the Homecoming Royalty Court. The crowns were presented by Homecoming Prince Landon Tapps and Princess Mylee McElain.

THE STROLLER:

Your Bearcat wants a fire-alarm-free night

Last year when it was announced that freshmen could return to their residence halls as upperclassmen and Franken Hall would have two upperclassmen floors, I was ecstatic. What I didn’t anticipate was having to deal with the same freshman fire alarm issues as an upperclassman.

When I lived in Dieterich my freshman year, the fire alarm was the bane of my existence. It would go off after I’d just gotten home from the library, when I was in the

shower and multiple times a month in the middle of the night.

One week during the winter, it went off at 3 a.m., then the next night at 3 a.m., then again that same night at 4 a.m.

The late-night disturbances have been less frequent in Franken this year, but we didn’t even make it until midterms before the alarm went off one night at 2 a.m.

Who on Earth is even awake to generate smoke at that time of night? On a weeknight no less.

Freshmen, I don’t care how important you think it is to burn that popcorn when you’re trying to get a paper done hours before it’s due, or how much you need your late-night vape fix, there are hundreds of other people in your building who desperately need every minute of sleep they can get.

If you don’t care about us, at least think about yourself, because nothing makes college students feel more homicidal than being jolted awake by a mallet on their door,

trekking down half a dozen stairs, standing in the cold for half an eternity and having to climb those half dozen stairs back up to bed.

If you’re really that shackled to your vape, go outside so the rest of us don’t have to.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.



MORGAN JONES | NW MISSOURIAN

Sigma Sigma Sigma swept several categories with four first place finishes as well as being selected as people’s choice in canned art.

Awards conclude Homecoming week

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The excitement and anxiety were nearly tangible as members and supporters from various campus organizations filed into the Charles Johnson Theater Oct. 15 for the 2018 Homecoming Awards Presentation.

The winners were selected by a panel of judges from the University and community using a rubric and point system established by the organizations.

Categories included both competitive and highly competitive jurisdictions of the Homecoming competition including philanthropy, banner, skit and olio, canned art, parade categories such as dancing clowns, papier-mâché heads, jalopy and floats, as well as overall Homecoming supremacy.

Alpha Sigma Alpha Homecoming Chair Brooke Swain explained the closeness and uncertainty of the competition and the award presentation.

“It’s always a surprise. No one can expect anything with Homecoming,” Swain said. “It’s always a toss-up and everyone worked so hard.”

The most dominating organizations included Sigma Sigma Sig-

ma, Alpha Sigma Alpha and Sigma Tau Gamma.

Sigma Sigma Sigma swept several categories with four first place finishes in banner, paper-mâché heads, and while pairing with other organizations on a team in the highly competitive big float and jalopy categories. They placed within the top five on two other occasions and earned the highest honor in the highly competitive overall parade.

They were also selected as people’s choice in canned art for donating the most canned and boxed goods, at 370. Homecoming Graduate Assistant Delaney Kramer clarified the true reward for this achievement.

“Tri Sigma donated 370 cans, that is just a certificate, pat on the back, ‘good job,’” Kramer said. “But to them, I think it’s just the honor of ‘We’re donating all these cans, we’re giving back to the community.’”

Alpha Sigma Alpha had eight top three finishes, including three of which were first place and in addition to the title of best overall clowns in the highly competitive category.

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Junior Jessica Cox and Northwest’s cross country will compete for the first time since Sept. 22 when they travel to Emporia, Kansas for the ESU Homecoming Invite Oct. 19.

Bearcats balance dual training

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It has been a while since Northwest cross country last ran a course in competition. The drought ends Oct. 19 at the ESU Homecoming Invite. For coach Nick Gibson, the time off from competition has been spent balancing his responsibilities.

Gibson has the task of coaching all the distance athletes for not only the cross country team but for track and field as well. While the concept of the events is similar, a distance race, the techniques and differences between a course and a track makes training for each sport unique.

The athletes who run cross country do not have to be a specialized distance runner when it comes to track and field. Runners such as sophomore Collin Welch compete in a combination of events from the 400-meter dash all the way up to the 5,000-meter run.

One aspect that helps this transition is Gibson and the runners' love and excitement for the sport.

"It is taxing, but I love what I am doing," Gibson said. "It doesn't change anything, I still like going to work every day and I really enjoy working with the athletes. It is tir-



ing, but you just don't think about it because you are just so used to it."

For the freshmen on the team, like Caroline Ross, the transition and balance of having just a few weeks to prepare for track and field, whole boys and girls cross country and track teams just one big team and that is beneficial to our success," Ross said.

Right in the middle of a long stretch of training, Gibson and the

“A lot of them didn’t score or place at conference, so this year I want them to progress where they are scoring at the conference.”

-Nick Gibson, coach

compared to months in high school, can be a challenge. Ross has been a strong runner for the women's team early on, helping lead the Bearcats and earning a MIAA co-runner of the week.

Ross has seen the transition between the cross country and track and field team start to take place very early on this season.

"Gibson and (track and field coach Brandon) Masters have really worked hard at making the

team have had time to work on both cross country workouts and track workouts. One of the biggest changes between the two seasons for the athletes is switching from the course outdoors to the track at a set distance indoors.

This is something Gibson said the athletes should have the easiest time adjusting to at the end of cross country.

"Usually they translate a little bit better, because courses vary in ter-

NEXT GAME
Northwest @ Emporia State Homecoming Invite Oct. 19 Emporia, MO

rain and even distances depending on how they cut the course," Gibson said. "In track, we know specifically its a flat 400 for outdoors, 200-300 for indoors, so we know consistently what the terrain is."

As for the rest of the cross country season, the team has one meet scheduled before they take on the MIAA conference meet. The ESU Homecoming Invite will give the team a chance to run on the same course conference will be held on, one week after.

The mentality heading into the final stretch of the season is to be as competitive as they can be in each meet.

"For me, the biggest thing is getting the kids in positions where they are going to be successful," Gibson said. "A lot of them didn't score or place at conference, so this year I want them to progress where they are scoring at the conference."

JUNIOR CONTINUED FROM A12

Beginning as both a long snapper and linebacker, Sorfonden saw limited playing time through his first three seasons. Between his second and third year, he dropped the linebacker role and focus solely on long snapping.

Adjusting to the small time spent on the field was difficult at first for Sorfonden, but he said it was something he became used to.

"I struggled with it at first, but I definitely have been able to adapt my mindset to just snapping," Sorfonden said. "It's different staying engaged in the game as a snapper because you get one play; the punt or the PAT (point after touchdown), so that was the biggest adjustment."

Aside from his playing time, he began a new area of interest as a graduate assistant to the student-athlete success program this year. The reasoning behind this decision has a lot to do with what Sorfonden has gone through in his life.

"It has been a blessing being in that role, because my whole life so many people have given back to me like doctors, nurses and family members through my battle with cancer," Sorfonden said. "It is kind of my time to start giving back to others, and it is fun to be a good assistant to those guys that I am mentoring and tutoring."

While he may not play the most glorious position on the field, Sorfonden embodies the characteristics of Bearcat football and is willing to do his one-eleventh no matter what it may be.

COLUMN CONTINUED FROM A12

Regardless, Columbus was confident that he had voyaged to India, despite falling short of his goal, and his inaccurate labeling of natives as "Indians" stuck.

Fittingly, on Columbus Day this year, the Cleveland Indians were routed in an MLB postseason game, getting swept out of the playoffs. The Atlanta Braves suffered the same fate on the same day. Oh, and the NFL's Washington Redskins were embarrassed 40-13 on national television.

The Savages, Indians, Braves and Redskins all have something in common, beyond their inability to win important games. They all possess nicknames that are unapologetically offensive to Native Americans, and they really aren't doing much about it.

In the last few years, Cleveland has stopped the use of Chief Wahoo, its ridiculously offensive former mascot. Contrastingly, Washington has doubled down on its commitment to its racist nickname, rejecting any suggestions that it should be changed. Atlanta fans continue to practice the "Tomahawk Chop" despite multiple Native tribes speaking out against it.

"It's dehumanizing, derogatory and very unethical," said Aaron Two Elk of Atlanta, regional director of the American Indian Movement, according to The Journal Times. "It extends a portrayal of Native American people as being warlike, aggressive, having a savage approach."

It's considerably harder to convince billion dollar franchises to change their troublesome nicknames, although their time will come sooner than later. Still, it's nonsensical that a high school in rural Missouri with almost nothing at stake would rather proudly tote a racist nickname than simply change course.

European settlers stole land from and slaughtered thousands of indigenous people en route to establishing the United States, and later forced tribes to assimilate to a culture they never wanted to begin with. The least we could do is stop appropriating the culture unwillingly stripped from Natives for the sake of sport and made-up tradition at a publicly funded high school.



Junior wide receiver Cody Massey had four receptions for 68 yards in Northwest's 27-13 victory over Nebraska Kearney Oct. 13 at Bearcat Stadium.

ANDREW WEGLEY | NW MISSOURIAN

FOOTBALL CONTINUED FROM A12

"Trusting what we are doing and believing in what our coaches have us doing is really a big thing for us."

That belief in the coach's play calling is something that has helped Northwest amass three straight 21-0 leads. After gaining those leads is when the Bearcats begin to struggle at times moving the ball.

After building the 21-0 lead against Nebraska-Kearney in the first quarter and putting up 252 yards, Northwest managed 114 yards in the remaining three quarters. Polishing up the offense is something that Rich Wright stressed down the final stretch of the regular season.

"We've done a lot of really good things offensively this year," Rich Wright said. "We've shown the ability to be explosive. To me it's a small consistency piece, and that's the thing we've got to fix in practice."

While the offense continues to progress, the defense finds itself back on top of the nation allowing 10.6 points per game. The Bearcats have led the NCAA Division II in scoring defense the previous three years and are right on track to claim the top spot again.

Other than allowing a rushing touchdown for the first time in 19 games, the rushing defense has been just as sound, giving up a mere 84.6 yards per game, putting them at eighth in the Division II.

The trip to St. Charles will be the first of three games on the road out of the final four games for Northwest's regular season and will offer a chance to move one step closer to the MIAA title.

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Soccer picks up first MIAA win

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Northwest soccer began a road trip last weekend in the midst of a brutal slump.



As the Bearcats set off for their match against Missouri Southern Oct. 12, they departed Maryville battered, yet optimistic, wearing the effects of a 10-game loss streak.

In Joplin, the consecutive loss streak grew to 11. Entering a match-up with Southwest Baptist Oct. 14, Northwest needed a breakthrough. After 11 consecutive fruitless outings, a stretch where the Bearcats scored just three goals, they did what they hadn't done since Aug. 30; they celebrated a win.

Northwest (2-11, 1-6 MIAA) defeated Southwest Baptist (0-12-2, 0-6-1 MIAA) 3-2 in Bolivar, marking the team's first win since a season-opening triumph over William Jewell. The win served as a sigh of relief for the Bearcats, one they were inching toward for weeks.

"To see the team compete at such a great level was refreshing," first-year coach Marc Gordon said. "It was just nice to see the group get a win. We have such a good group of players; everybody's working hard, no one has given up."

Junior Emily Madden served as the hero for the Bearcats, scoring all three goals in the win over Southwest Baptist, recording her



ANDREW WEGLEY | NW MISSOURIAN
Junior Emily Madden recorded a hat trick in Northwest's 3-2 win over Southwest Baptist Oct. 14.

first career hat trick and just the seventh in the history of the program. The three goals Madden scored leave her tied for most in a game in Northwest history.

"It's cool," Madden said of her hat trick and Northwest's win. "After I scored, I turned around ... everyone was just super pumped. It finally gave us that assurance that we can do something this year, we're a good enough team, we can get some wins under our belt."

Madden has been one of the most consistent players for Northwest throughout the season, logging much of her time as a midfielder. Gordon moved her to forward to start the game versus Southwest, ultimately creating the spark his team needed.

After the loss to Southern (7-5-2, 3-3-1 MIAA), the 11th in a row for Northwest, Gordon pondered personnel and position changes that could provide a lift. The coach has

tinkered with the lineup throughout the season searching for the right player to provoke an offensive outburst.

"To move her to forward; that was huge," Gordon said. "It changed our attack. The team rallied around what Emily was doing. She brings such a good energy. She has no idea how good she is."

For Northwest, the celebration of a breakthrough must be brief. The team's next matchup will come

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against the undefeated Bronchos of Central Oklahoma. The Bronchos, who have cruised to 14 wins this season, will test Northwest's ability to carry its momentum.

"(The Bronchos) have such a hot, dynamic team right now," Gordon said. "They move the ball, they're athletic; they just beat you on the wings. They're in the drivers seat for themselves, but we're playing to win. We would love to be that team that gives them their first loss."

The Bearcats will have a chance to do so Oct. 18 at Bearcat Pitch. As a team limping through a rebuilding year, a Northwest win over the Bronchos would be nothing short of incredible. The Bearcats are aiming for the victory, one that would serve as a silver lining in what has been a lost season.

"I'm hoping the team can carry this energy into that game," Madden said. "I want to break their winning streak."

Cats hot on road stretch

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After a strong showing throughout laborious MIAA play, Northwest volleyball has made a case as to why it should be at the top of the conference standings.



The Bearcats (18-5, 10-2 MIAA) crossed the state line into Kansas Oct. 12-13 to take on conference foes Emporia State (11-14, 5-7 MIAA) and Washburn (23-1, 11-1 MIAA) as part of a five-game road trip in the ladder part of the MIAA season. Both schools have proved hazardous for Northwest and Washburn in particular had posted an unscathed 22-0 record prior to the showdown with the Bearcats.

Northwest's first test on the weekend came against the Hornets, whose record doesn't quite reflect the talent on the roster.

"Emporia is an extremely tough venue to play at," coach Amy Wuerth said. "I thought we played well with our serve and pass and got them out of system. When they pushed, we pushed back harder, and that was the key to our win."

The Bearcats hit .369 percent overall throughout the three set match while limiting the Hornets to just a .140 hitting percentage.

Sophomore Hallie Sydney lead the team with a match-high 15 kills while senior Maddy Bruder notched her fourth-straight double-double that included 22 digs and 10 kills. Another notable stand-out in the match came with sophomore Maddy Ahrens completing her ninth double-double on the season with 40 assists and 10 digs.

Northwest went on to win the match in a clean sweep of Empo-



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Maddy Bruder (left) and Maddy Ahrens received MIAA honors this week.

ria State in three sets (25-17, 25-17, 25-11).

An impressive accomplishment for the Bearcats happened Oct. 13 when they stormed into Topeka, Kansas, to take on the No. 9 Ichabods. Northwest hadn't won in Topeka in over 19 years, dating back to Oct. 6, 1999 under the leadership of former coach Sarah Pelster.

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Softball's future bright following first winning year under Demott

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Maryville softball ended the season in MSHSAA Class 3 District 16 Tournament vs. St. Joseph-Lafayette. The Spoofhounds dropped a nail biter losing 10-9 against the Fighting Irish.



The 'Hounds squared off against Lafayette twice this season. The rematch in districts came down to the very end, which cannot be said about the first meeting between the two teams.

Maryville started off the game strong, taking a 4-3 lead in the top of the second inning. The bats for the Spoofhounds cooled off until the sixth inning, where they scored four runs to cut the deficit to one.

Going into the top of the seventh, Maryville trailed 10-9. The Spoofhounds' rally was cut short as Lafayette retired the side and put the team's season to bed.

Maryville finished the season at 12-9, which is quite the improvement on the previous campaign in 2017 where it finished 7-14. This was the first winning season the team has had under coach Chandra Demott. With the team losing five seniors, there is going to be a change in leadership amongst the players.

"I'd be lying to say we aren't losing a lot in this group," Demott

said. "We are losing some great leaders, each with different personality traits that have allowed them to work as a unit and impact every player on this team."

Demott knows that losing this group of seniors will take its toll on the team, but she has high expectations for the next group of girls to step into those roles. She does not expect everything to stay the same, as a new wave of leaders will step up and lead in their own way.

Demott has exuded supreme confidence in the players that will return next fall.

"Next year's leaders look to be returning players in outfielder Jessica Finch and pitcher Riley Gray. They will also be backed by transfers Jana Walker and Kaytlynn Hall," Demott said. "My returning players have been with me their entire career, and have seen the progress the program has made. I expect to see similar leadership out of them that I have in the current group."

Demott believes the transfers will impact the team with their leadership qualities and skill sets. The coach showed excitement for the future of the program as she sees potential in this next group of players.

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NW FOOTBALL

MIAA Standings

Overall AFCA

NORTHWEST.....	6-1	No. 11
Fort Hays State.....	5-2	NR
Pittsburg State.....	5-2	NR
Central Oklahoma.....	4-3	NR
Emporia State.....	4-3	NR
Missouri Western.....	4-3	NR
Nebraska Kearney.....	4-3	NR
Washburn.....	4-3	NR
Central Missouri.....	3-4	NR
Lindenwood.....	3-4	NR
Missouri Southern.....	0-7	NR
Northeastern State.....	0-7	NR

NW VOLLEYBALL

MIAA Standings

Overall MIAA

Nebraska Kearney.....	25-1	11-1
Washburn.....	23-1	11-1
Central Oklahoma.....	22-4	10-2
NORTHWEST.....	18-5	10-2
Central Missouri.....	18-6	8-4
Emporia State.....	11-14	5-7
Pittsburg State.....	15-10	4-8
Lindenwood.....	12-10	4-8
Missouri Western.....	12-13	4-8
Missouri Southern.....	3-19	3-9
Fort Hays State.....	8-16	2-10
Southwest Baptist.....	4-21	0-12

NW WOMEN'S SOCCER

MIAA Standings

Overall MIAA

Central Oklahoma.....	14-0	7-0
Central Missouri.....	11-2-1	5-1-1
Missouri Western.....	10-4	5-2
Emporia State.....	9-4-1	4-3
Fort Hays State.....	6-6-2	4-3
Missouri Southern.....	7-5-2	3-3-1
Lindenwood.....	6-6-2	3-3-1
Nebraska Kearney.....	5-9	3-4
Washburn.....	6-6-2	2-3-2
Northeastern State.....	7-5-2	1-4-2
NORTHWEST.....	2-11	1-6
Southwest Baptist.....	0-12-2	0-6-1

MHS FOOTBALL

MEC Standings

Overall MEC

MARYVILLE.....	7-1	6-0
Lafayette.....	7-1	5-1
Savannah.....	5-3	5-1
St. Pius.....	5-3	4-2
Chillicothe.....	2-6	2-4
Benton.....	2-6	2-4
Cameron.....	2-6	0-6
Bishop LeBlond.....	0-8	0-6



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Junior defensive back Brendan Pedersen has been a staple in Maryville’s defense. The Spoofhounds have allowed just 8.75 points per game this season. Maryville heads to Lafayette Oct. 19.

Maryville readies for regular season finale

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Maryville foot-
ball entered its Week
8 matchup against
Savannah with ele-
vated stakes.



For the Spoofhounds, the game
offered a chance to prove their su-
periority in a game against a dis-
liked rival and the opportunity to
clinch a share of the Midland Em-
pire Championship.

In a 41-7 statement-win over
the Savages (5-3, 5-1 MEC),
Maryville (7-1, 6-0 MEC) accom-
plished everything it set out to.

The game pitted two teams
who were undefeated in the MEC
at the onset of the match, with a
shot at a conference champion-
ship and the Highway 71 trophy
on the line. Savannah figured to
pose a tough test for the ‘Hounds
but ultimately provided resistance
as Maryville coasted to its seventh
consecutive win.

“It feels great,” coach Matt
Webb said. “(We’re) certainly not
new to a championship environ-
ment or a physical game. The thing
that I was pleased with was watch-
ing new guys step up and really

thrive in that environment.”

While the atmosphere proved
to be ideal for Maryville, the envi-
ronment itself was imperfect and
unforgiving. A week’s worth of
rain soaked Savannah’s field and
more sprinkled in for a majority of
the contest.

By the second half of the
game, the once-green grass field
had transformed into a mud pit
of sorts.

“When you live in northwest
Missouri and you play 15 game
seasons ... we watch the weather
but we have a slogan: ‘We make
our own weather,’” Webb said.
“Weather is what you make of it,
both teams play in it, and we’re
never going to let it be a factor, so,
it’s always sunny and 60 (degrees)
when we play football.”

Maryville has just one more ob-
stacle in its path to the postseason,
coming in the form of St. Joseph-
Lafayette.

The Spoofhounds will face off
against the Fighting Irish (7-1, 5-0)
Oct. 19 with the chance to take sole
possession of the MEC title.

Lafayette is 4-0 when play-
ing at home, but has yet to face an
opponent as sound as Maryville.
The Fighting Irish’s one loss came

against Savannah by more than 40
points, making the Spoofhounds
the statistical favorite.

As the postseason nears, one
might expect the Spoofhounds to
have their eyes on the unpredictable
road to a Class 3 State champion-
ship game, overlooking the inferior
competition that awaits the team in
St. Joseph. For Maryville, the op-
posite is true.

“We are staying focused on
Lafayette and winning conference
outright,” senior lineman Trevor
Townsend said. “Lafayette always
gives us a challenge. They are al-
ways really athletic so we are going
to have to stay disciplined.”

With sole possession of the
MEC title on the line, the ‘Hounds
will head to Lafayette facing higher
stakes than they have all season.
They know what’s on the line, and
plan to play accordingly.

“This is a game where you want
to be selfish,” Webb said. “We want
to win this thing outright and help
ourselves, so it’s OK to be selfish
this week and go try and win the
game and be MEC champs all by
ourselves.”

Beyond Lafayette lies an un-
known path. The Spoofhounds fig-
ure to host a few playoff games at

the ‘Hound Pound, but for now, the
particulars are pending.

After the regular season con-
cludes, there is no guaranteed to-
morrow--just a sequence of win-or-
go-home games that will ultimately
lead to either a state championship
or a crushing playoff exit.

Maryville does not plan to ac-
cept the latter, but with the postsea-
son comes uncertainty. In any case,
seniors like Townsend are nearing
the finish line of their high school
careers.

“As a senior, you want to play

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extra hard and leave everything
on the field because it could be
the last chance you have to play,”
Townsend said. “It’s important to
take advantage of every opportuni-
ty you get to play a game.”



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Junior Michael Sorfonden was diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia when he was 2 years old. He is now a long snapper for Bearcat football.

Sports have no room for offensive mascots

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Last Friday, Oct. 12, Maryville football cruised to a 41-7 win over a Midland Empire Conference opponent in Savannah – the home of the Savages.

In a game that was prefaced by a lack of parking spots, marred by poor weather and punctuated by a lopsided score, the most problematic aspect of the contest was what it always is for games hosted by Savannah: the nickname of the home team.

There were a number of posters and artwork that displayed the words “Savage Pride” – two words that go together like peanut butter and pickles, which is to say, they don’t.

The PA announcer prompted the audience to join him in celebrating every single time Savannah’s offense moved the chains. “That’s good for another Savage first down,” he said 11 times throughout the contest.

Each time, the crowd was enthused to join in. The attendants of the game, and assumedly the town as a whole, don’t seem to be aware of how offensive the name “Savages” is, or worse, they just don’t care.

The issue has been brought up before, and it will be brought up again and again until the school manages to find a moral compass, or more likely, caves to the pressure of a more understanding society; the Savages need a new name.

Savannah is far from the only team in the area, or the country, that could use a new mascot. The Indians of St. Joseph Central should consider reviewing a history book and revising their name accordingly. The problem stretches beyond the realm of high school sports.

Oct. 8, people across America recognized a second-rate holiday in “Columbus Day.” The story we tell kids in second grade is that Christopher Columbus, a European explorer, discovered America in 1492.

There are a few obvious flaws in that sentiment, one of which is that Columbus never actually set foot on what is now the continental United States. Also, one can’t exactly discover a land that people already inhabit.

Culture Minded

Football sets out to tame Lions on road

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Two second year coaches will lead their teams out onto the field Oct. 20 at Harlen C. Hunter Stadium in St. Charles, Missouri, with two very different seasons so far.

For No. 11 Northwest (6-1), the season has landed right where they expected it to, on top of the conference and improving each week. Lindenwood (3-4), on the other hand, is struggling to find consistency, with up-and-down play thus far.

Coach Rich Wright found some equal comparisons in how the offense has played for both the Bearcats and the Lions this year.

“There are parallels as far as the system is concerned,” Rich Wright said. “That was the thing I saw when I was watching them (Lindenwood) and we run similar style offenses.”

The familiarity with the offensive system will allow the Bearcat defense to simulate some of what has made the Lions successful so far this year. The Lions quarter-



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St. Charles, MO

back, freshman Cade Brister, is a dual-threat and is second on the team in net rushing yards.

This is a mirror of the Northwest offense in which freshman quarterback Braden Wright sits behind junior running back Isaiah Strayhorn in net rushing yards. Aside from the rushing category, both teams bolster high-powered offenses with Northwest second in the MIAA and Lindenwood at third.

Part of the explosive offense for the Bearcats is the big plays they have been able to make week-in and week-out, either through the run game or in the air.

“We know we have big play ability with guys like Shawn Bane, Isaiah Strayhorn and Josh Caldwell,” junior wide receiver Cody Massey said.

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Junior embodies Bearcat tradition

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When the long snapper is brought up in football, they have usually made a mistake. For Northwest senior Michael Sorfonden, it is less about the position and more about what it took to get there.

Sorfonden was diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia, a form of blood and bone marrow cancer, at the age of 2. While the cure rate for ALL at the time of his diagnosis was around 85 percent, the mention of cancer to Sorfonden’s family hit hard.

“My mom’s dad, so my grandpa, he had died right before I was diagnosed from lymphoma,” Sorfonden said. “It was really tough on my parents and the rest of family because they just watched one of their loved ones pass away from cancer.”

Even though he was young, Sorfonden can recall how the treatments felt and what kind of struggle he went through as a child.

“I was so young, but I still remember so much just because of



how significant it was,” Sorfonden said. “The spinal taps they would have to do, the doctors and nurses compared it to tying one leg up to a car, and your arm up to a different car, and the cars go in different directions.”

After three years of treatment, he was in remission. The battle of chemotherapy along with the day-to-day pains associated with ALL are all factors that played into Sorfonden’s mindset on and off the field.

“Everybody looks at life and looks at challenges that they have and think they have things difficult,” coach Rich Wright said. “It’s amazing to see the positive attitude that he brings to the field every day.”

Throughout his time at Harlan Community High School, where he played linebacker as well as long snapping, he became the first freshman to earn a varsity letter. Despite suffering from two broken vertebrae in his high school career, Sorfonden achieved his goal of joining the Bearcat football team in 2015.

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Golf caps off state run at Mozingo

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As the sun went down on the final day of the Class 1 State Golf Tournament, the Spoofhounds packed up another golf season mostly empty-handed.

Maryville fell out of the race for a state trophy on the final day of the tournament, and left Mozingo with an individual medal to remember the occasion.

Day one of the Class 1 State Golf Tournament allowed the Spoofhounds to show their arsenal of weapons throughout the team. With three scores under 100 (junior Emily Long, senior Laurelle Wickersham and senior Kylee Dougan), Maryville sat in fourth place, with an opportunity to come out firing on the second day.

The opposite occurred as the Spoofhounds fell to the course’s wrath. Long held fourth place after the first day, but during day two dropped back to a tie for 11th. Wickersham felt a similar experience as



she went from 12th to a tie at 18th.

While the goal was to go out and have fun, the hope was a trophy to shine in the Maryville wall of fame. The Spoofhounds ended nine shots off of this coveted prize leaving them with one individual medal from Long.

“I’m disappointed that we ended getting fifth place,” coach Brenda Ricks said. “We were hoping to get in the top four, but that’s alright.”

Long led the team the whole way as she shot an 84, giving her a tie for fourth. But trouble came quickly in the second day as a rough start to the day dropped her back and pushed her to 15th, before a final burst of mental stability gave her a tie for 11th.

Through the year Long’s goal was to grab a top ten finish at state, but a 93 on day two pushed that idea out the window. Long limited the damage greatly in the back nine as she still held a position in the top 15.

“I started off bad on the front nine, but got mentally focused,”

Long said. “Then I just took it one shot at a time and improved on the back.”

Preseason goals pushed the Spoofhounds past the limits that they thought were their max. The goal of playing as a team at state propelled the team forward every step of the way. Now as they glance back on the year it’s a sight to behold.

From individual goals to awards, the Spoofhounds grew greatly from last year to now. For Long, it was a better state finish going from 15th to 11th, nothing to look over without a glance. As a team, they were not within range of making it to state, but this year was something special as they ranked in the top five in Class 1. But the greatest growth was in the mental edge that gave the Spoofhounds their weapons.

“Golf is all a mental game, my job is to help the girls mentally, I don’t really help their swings,” Ricks said. “I’m proud of my girls for overcoming the obstacles.”



MADI NOLTE | NW MISSOURIAN

Maryville junior Emily Long finished 11th overall in the MSHSAA Class 1 State Golf Tournament Oct. 16 at Mozingo Lake.

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